

Smith Donald
Form 4
September 13, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Smith Donald

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

09/13/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	06/15/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	V 742 A \$ 0	157,950	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/30/2012		J ⁽²⁾	V 5,056 A \$ 0	57,596	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	09/13/2012		M	1,392 A \$ 9.64	159,342	D	
	09/13/2012		S	692 D \$ 16.3	158,650	D	

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Class A
Common
Stock

Class A
Common Stock 09/13/2012 S 700 D \$ 16.31 157,950 D

Class A
Common Stock 904 I Custodian
for Child

Class A
Common Stock 4,527 I by Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.64	09/13/2012		M	1,392	10/10/2004 10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,392

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Smith Donald 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Director 10% Owner Officer Other President and CEO

Signatures

/s/R.Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Donald
Smith

09/13/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Represents shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment
(1) feature under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's Account under the Issuer's Employee
(2) Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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